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4th OF JULY

CELEBRATION



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Alaska Becomes the Union's 49th State

Eisenhower Ready, Might Sign Today

Vote by Alaskans Needed by Aug. 1

WASHINGTON (AP)—With Eisenhower ready to sign the statehood bill, some of the Alaskans who came here for Senate debate are headed homeward. The President may sign the bill today, but the White House didn't say specifically.

Gov. Stepovich and members of the unofficial congressional delegation went to New York to appear on a nationwide TV program honoring the 49th state. Egan, Rivers and Gruening are expected to close their offices soon and return to Alaska to seek official status in the forthcoming elections. Gov. Stepovich has given no indication as to when he may call the primary and general elections. It is considered likely he will make no announcements until his return to Juneau shortly after July 4.

The senate's passage of the controversial bill granting statehood to Alaska came to a dramatic close early Monday afternoon. The historic vote was 64 to 20 in favor of admission. Admission of Alaska marks the first time a new state has been added to the union since Arizona in February 14, 1912.

Even though the statehood bill is in the hands of the President, it may be six months before Alaska enters the union.

The President must notify the Governor of Alaska that it is eligible for statehood. By terms of the bill, the Governor calls for a plebiscite on the question of statehood itself, and the election of two senators and one representative to the U. S. Congress. This must be done by August 1.

Elections must be held not later than December 1. They may be held on separate dates, or simultaneously.

The referendum on which the people of Alaska shall vote are: (1) Shall Alaska be admitted immediately to the Union as a state? (2) Are the state boundaries as set forth in the bill approved? (3) Are the provisions of the bill authorized to make national defense withdrawals in Northwest Alaska approved? This referendum could be held on the day of the primary, or at the general election, or at a special election.

If the plebiscite shows a majority of Alaskans favorable, the President proclaims Alaska a full-fledged member of the Union. Should Alaska be formally admitted



JUBILANT OVER STATEHOOD — Alaska's governor, Mike Stepovich, and congressional advocates of statehood for the northern territory are jubilant Monday night (June 30) after senate passage of the Alaskan statehood bill by a vote of 64-20. Celebrating over a 49-star flag outside the Senate chamber after the bill's passage are, left to right: Ernest Gruening, form-

er Alaska governor; Sen. Frank Church (D-Idaho); Sen. Thomas Kuchel (R-Calif); Gov. Stepovich; Sen. Henry Jackson (D-Wash), floor manager of the bill; Wally Hickel, GOP chairman for Alaska; Sen. Arthur Watkins (R-Utah); and Sen. Richard Nueberger (D-Ore). Men in background are not identified.

—AP Photo

Plan Alternate Celebration Date: Rain Friday — Events Set for 5th

It's not a question of whether the 4th of July celebration will be run off, but whether the weather will permit the events to be run off on the scheduled date. The committee announced this week the celebration will be run off the following day in the event it rains on Friday. Announcement will be made over AFRS on any changes.

According to the weatherman, there was to be a hot spell across the nation the first three days of July. This has not yet hit here. Beginning on the 4th, fair weather is slated to prevail in the northwest.

Schedule Printed

A schedule of events has been printed and distributed by the Chamber of Commerce. The schedule appears on page three of the Kodiak Mirror.

Concessions Open July 3

Concessions will be open evenings on July 3 and 4. The big cor-

ted this year, all new U. S. flags must show a 49th star by Independence Day, July 4, 1959.

onation ball will be held at the Labor Temple from 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. The Queen and Princess will be crowned at 12:00 midnight.

Big Parade at 10 a.m.

The celebrations on the Fourth will begin with the big parade, which will begin at Brooklyn and Alaska Way, and proceed up thru town, past the reviewing stand across from the USO.

Following the flag raising, the events of the day will begin with the childrens races, Pillar Mountain climb, childrens contests, tugs-of-war and other contests. Live fish have been caught and are being kept alive for the fish pool competition, according to Walt Muller, who is handling the arrangements.

Omitted from the printed program is the Horseshoe pitching contests. Horseshoe pitching enthusiasts are going to battle for the Kodiak Island Championships. This added attraction will take place on the downtown school grounds at 1 p.m. Jim Duros is in charge of the tournament. Fun and prizes are promised.

Events scheduled for later in

the day include a Little League game, street dance in front of the USO, and the midnight drawing. There will be a Gay Nineties entertainment in connection with the street dance. This will be held in the USO and will feature Kodiak ladies.

Announce Cutback In N.S. Employees

The Navy announced this week a reduction in the number of graded and ungraded civilian employees at Kodiak Naval Station.

The number of civilian employees at Kodiak will drop from 346 to 300, due to a reduction in operating funds for the Naval Station for the fiscal year 1959.

GENE CANNON AWARDED NAVAL STATION CONTRACT

The 17th Naval District Public Works Office Tuesday awarded a contract to Gene Cannon of Kodiak for cleaning and repainting of two elevated steel water towers on the U.S. Naval Station here.

Gannon received the contract with the low bid of \$7,850. Kodiak Decorators bid was \$8,500 and a third bid for \$8,965 was submitted by Western Builders Supply.

Alaska Game Laws Given for Season

The new Alaska Game Regulations which go into effect have been announced by the Fish and Wildlife Service. Following are the seasons and bag limits affecting Unit 8 which is the Kodiak area, according to Will Troyer, of the Game Management office of the FWS.

Deer—August 20 - November 30, 1 buck per hunter.

Elk—September 5 to 15 and October 20 - November 5, 1 bull per hunter.

Bear—September 16 - May 31. For that portion of Unit 8 on the mainland the season is November 1 - May 31, 1 bear per hunter provided that cubs and females accompanied by cubs are illegal.

Hare and Rabbit—No closed season, no limit.

Ptarmigan—August 20 - April 15, 20 per day.

Grouse—No open season.

Game Fish—No closed season.

Along The Waterfront

"There's fish out there in those waters"—that's the hope of the Kodiak fishermen as they leave for the fishing grounds. Fishing season begins Monday morning. Though hampered by bad weather, boats have been seen plying their way out the channel.

FWS reports fishermen and canneries pretty well lined up for the season. Twenty-seven stream-watchers came in Tuesday, 11 for Kodiak Island and the rest for the Alaska Peninsula. Most are college men, fisheries students gaining a little experience in field work.

Cannery workers have been coming in droves, and have had to spend some time in Kodiak due to bad flying weather. Halfertys is pretty well lined up. They are still working clams, but expect to start on salmon next week. Theirs is a combined operation, for Parks, Ouzinkie and Malispine. The Arthur H came in from Cordova.

Nick Frost, Tom Renshaw and Harry Lindgren made a swing around the island stopping at canneries along the way. They visited Port Bailey, San Juan, Parks, PAF, Libbys, Sheerwater, Ouzinkie. They flew with Ray Albrecht of Kodiak Airways, and were weathered in a day enroute.

Bob Resoff of King Crab, Inc. reports the cannery is opening